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SUBJECT: MOSCOW RECONFIGURATION PROJECT/SHIELDED ENCLOSURE
AIR-CONDITIONING

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1. REFTEL "A" NOTED THAT UT1 M. HANSEN WOULD PROCEED MOSCOW FOR INSTALLATION OF CHILLERS. REFTEL "C" ASKED FOR FOUR-MAN SEABEE SPECIAL PROJECT TEAM CONSISTING OF ONE UTILITIESMAN, ONE ELECTRICIAN AND TWO OTHERS TO ASSIST (PLUS FACTOR TECHNICIAN).

2. POST CANNOT AFFORD TO USE TWO RESIDENT SEABEES FULL-TIME ON THIS JOB. A CONSTANT STREAM OF PROBLEMS ARISE IN SECURE AREAS WHICH REQUIRE THEIR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION (E.G. POWER FAILURES, ELEVATOR BREAKDOWNS, PLUMBING LEAKS, AIR-CONDITIONER MALFUNCTIONS, ETC.) NO SPECIAL PROJECT SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED WHEN THE PARTICIPATING MEMBERS ARE LIKELY TO BE CALLED AWAY FREQUENTLY.

3. THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE SIZE OF THE SEABEE SPECIAL
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PROJECT TEAM TO MOSCOW BE INCREASED TO SIZE REQUESTED IF

POSSIBLE - BUT AT A MINIMUM IT SHOULD CONSIST OF ONE UTILITIES-MAN (HANSEN) AND ONE ELECTRICIAN.

4. THE CHILLERS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE TRUCKED FROM FRANKFURT ON JUNE 27TH, WITH EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW JUNE 30TH. EXPECT THAT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE WILL TAKE SEVERAL DAYS. BELIEVE THAT ONCE CHILLERS ARRIVE, WILL HAVE ALL NECESSARY MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT ON SITE FOR INSTALLATION. HOWEVER, CAN NOT MAKE POSITIVE STATEMENT UNTIL HAVE SEEN CHILLERS, TO DETERMINE IF ANY MODEL CHANGES, FITTING MODIFICATIONS, ETC. FROM PRESENT MODEL. HOPE TO BEGIN PROJECT BY JULY 7.

5. RSO MEMO OF MAY 12TH ASKED WHETHER CHILLER UNITS WOULD BE DAMAGED OR OTHERWISE OPERATIONALLY IMPAIRED (REQUIRING EXTENSIVE CALIBRATION) BY MOVING CHILLERS ON END (COMPRESSOR DOWN) WHEN TAKING UP ELEVATOR AND INTO WORK AREA. PLEASE QUERY FACTORY AND ADVISE ASAP ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, SINCE ENTIRE INSTALLATION PLAN IS BASED ON THIS METHOD OF MOVEMENT AND INTRODUCTION INTO PARENT ROOM. IF EQUIPMENT HAS TO REMAIN HORIZONTAL, ONLY OTHER WAY TO INSTALL WOULD BE TO KNOCK LARGE OPENING IN CHANCERY OUTER WALL AND LIFT UP CHILLERS BY MEANS OF EXTERNAL HOIST. THIS WOULD BE MAJOR COMPLICATED PROJECT REQUIRING LARGER TEAM AND PROBABLY INVOLVING DIFFICULTIES WITH SOVIETS WHO HAVE IN RECENT PAST CLAIMED THEY HAVE RIGHT UNDER TERMS OF LEASE TO INSPECT AND APPROVE ANY CONSTRUCTION WORK IN CHANCERY, PARTICULARLY THAT INVOLVING STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF BUILDING.
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